

all of the wonderful family and friends that have accompanied me to show support for me today.

I am also fortunate to be joined by two former Members of this illustrious body, Mr. John Paul Hammerschmidt and the senior Senator from Arkansas, Senator TIM HUTCHINSON.

For 26 years, Congressman Hammerschmidt served the Third District of Arkansas and set a standard of excellence and dedication that the people of the third district have come to expect from all that have succeeded him. I share Congressman Hammerschmidt's immense respect for this institution and for the good people that I have been elected to serve.

Senator HUTCHINSON continued the rich tradition of tireless service to the third district and is doing a wonderful job representing Arkansas in the United States Senate. I look forward to working with him and the rest of the delegation on behalf of our home State.

I also would like to take a moment to thank former Congressman Asa Hutchinson, who recently departed Congress to head the Drug Enforcement Administration. President Bush recognized Asa's talent and selected him to lead the Nation's efforts to eradicate illegal drug use. It is by no means an easy job, but if anyone is up to the task it is Asa Hutchinson.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to follow in the footsteps of these fine public servants. I am committed to keeping alive the tradition of service and conservative values that the people of the third district have come to expect from their representative in Congress. I look forward to my service in this body and again express my deep appreciation for the welcome I have received. Thank you very much.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The Chair will entertain 10 one-minute speeches per side.

HONORING ANN MILLER AND TED MALIARIS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize two patriotic Americans from my congressional district today, Ann S. Miller and Ted Maliaris. They have written and produced "A Tribute to America—a 21st Century Anthem."

Ann Miller's song is delivered with love and compassion by her son Ted with the help of their publicist Angel Duke. Theirs is an anthem for all Americans, dedicated to our Armed Forces, to our men and women in uniform, risking their lives every day and

for those who need to carry on in this time of crisis.

The lyrics are powerful and uplifting: "Our tears may fall and our hearts may be shattered, but deep down in our souls we are strong. We are proud. We are bold. We have the strength. We have the power no terrorist could withstand. We will not hide. We will not cower. We will stand up for the rights of our land. We are America. We are America, America, you are grand."

Please join me in congratulating Ann S. Miller and Ted Maliaris, two proud Americans, proud to be serving our country.

WORLD AIDS DAY

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, since AIDS was first recognized 20 years ago, 58 million people have been affected; and at the current rate of spread, the total will exceed 100 million by 2001.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, there are currently over 900,000 people infected and living with HIV and AIDS in the United States. There are approximately 40,000 Americans infected each year. Worldwide this year there were 5 million new cases, and of that, 800,000 were under the age of 15.

Worldwide there are over 40 million people currently living with HIV and AIDS; 18 million are women and 3 million are children.

AIDS kills more than 7,000 people in sub-Saharan Africa each day. President Bush this year has committed over \$200 million to a global fund to fight HIV and AIDS. I have requested additional money along with other Members of Congress to pursue this very worthy goal.

Today we should reflect on those lost and use their memories to fuel our efforts to eradicate this pandemic.

REMEMBERING WORLD AIDS DAY

(Ms. KILPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge and commemorate World AIDS Day, which is Saturday, December 1. Today, worldwide, AIDS is the fourth largest killer of people. Forty million people, as has been said, are living with AIDS today. As has been said, 900,000 here in America and 13,000 in my own State of Michigan. Half of the infected cases are young adults between 13 and 25.

The cost of treating AIDS is astronomical. Our health system is not able today to carry that cost, and we must invest in our health system from top to bottom so we can treat those who are infected.

It is important because countries around the world, including Africa, Eastern Europe, the U.K., Australia and Japan, are seeing increasing cases of HIV and AIDS. We must educate young people as well as others how to prevent the scourge of AIDS and carry out that responsibility. We must also invest resources so our health care system can treat.

IN APPRECIATION OF U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, since September 11 America has been extra security conscious. Congress too has been taking extra precautions to make sure the people who work here are safe and as they do the people's business. We have extra jersey barriers up and a couple of side streets are blocked off to traffic. There is one more measure that I think we need to recognize. The Capitol Police are working overtime, a lot of overtime.

The dedicated officers of the Capitol Police have been working 12-hour shifts with only 1 day off a week. They are doing this to keep all of us safe. They are doing this to protect this building. This building is the symbol of American democracy. It is the symbol of freedom around the world.

So thanks to the men and women of the Capitol Police, the rookies and the veterans alike. Do not think that you are not appreciated. What you are doing is greatly appreciated by all of us.

THE BIG BITE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, as a former athlete, I thought I saw it all. Great celebrations after grand slams and Hail Marys. But this time it has gone too far.

News reports say after a game-winning goal at a soccer match in Spain, a player celebrated his teammate who scored by biting him on the genitals.

Beam me up.

Now I have heard of high fives, back slaps, butt slaps, but this takes the family jewels.

The team says the player is doing fine, but I suspect he will speak from here on in like a soprano. This is going a little too far. I yield back what has now become known as "The Big Bite."

HONORING CHANCE KRETSCHMER

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I come to the well of this great body to recognize the achievements of Chance Kretschmer, a freshman running back for the University of Nevada, Reno, Wolf Pack football team.

Chance Kretschmer broke not only every Nevada football rushing record for number of yards, number of carries and number of touchdowns, but he is also the lead rusher in the NCAA.

Born and raised in a small rural town, Tonopah, Nevada, the young football star joined the Wolf Pack football team as an unknown walk-on freshman. Now, not only are the UNR fans and coaches taking notice, but all of the college sports community is doing so as well.

In his last game, Chance ran for an amazing 327 yards on 45 carries and scored an amazing six touchdowns leading the UNR to victory. And as only a freshman, this Nevada native certainly has an exciting future ahead of him. Congratulations, Chance Kretschmer, on your athletic accomplishments. You have made all of Nevada proud.

SUPPORTING WORLD AIDS DAY

(Ms. LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on December 1, communities across the globe will acknowledge World AIDS Day. The global AIDS pandemic is the greatest humanitarian crisis of our times.

Three years ago in my district, we declared a state of emergency on HIV and AIDS in the African American community. Since then the number of new infections has begun to slowly decrease, but millions of dollars are needed in our urban and rural communities to tackle this pandemic.

AIDS, like many diseases, knows no borders; nor does it discriminate. HIV has infected over 57 million people worldwide. AIDS, TB, and malaria claim over 17,000 lives each day.

We know how to prevent the spread of HIV. We know how to treat AIDS patients, and we know we must continue our work in vaccine development.

United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan and global AIDS experts estimate that it will take \$7 billion to \$10 billion annually to launch an effective response. The United States should contribute at least \$1 billion to this fund as the wealthiest and most powerful country on Earth. The human family is at stake. We can and we must do more.

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A SAD ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. LOBIONDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on a sad anniversary for a family in southern New Jersey. On November 25, 1991, 11-year-old Mark Himebaugh left his Middle Township, New Jersey, home to watch firefighters respond to a brushfire. He was returning as his mom was leaving to run an errand. His mother told him that she would be right back, and Mark replied, "Okay, Mom." Those would be the last words anyone would hear from Mark. Now, 10 years later, Mark sadly is still missing.

This heartbreaking story is just one of so many in our Nation where FBI statistics show that more than 876,000 adults and children were reported as missing during the year 2000. The Congressional Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children, of which I am a member, is working to raise the profile of this issue.

The best way to help find kids like Mark is to look at the photographs of missing children posted at many venues around the Nation and call the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's toll-free number at 1-800-THE-LOST. At their Web site, www.missingkids.org, you can see pictures of Mark. Please do your part to help out.

DR. GEORGE SIMKINS, JR.

(Mr. WATT of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. George Simkins, Jr., a resident of my congressional district, who died on November 21 and is being funeralized today in Greensboro, North Carolina. Dr. Simkins, a former president of the Greensboro NAACP for 25 years, was a civil rights pioneer who helped integrate the Greensboro City Council and open public facilities to African Americans.

Dr. Simkins was a vigilant and constant warrior for equity, equality, and justice. In this role, he paved the way for many of us to achieve successes that would otherwise have been unattainable and then stood shoulder to shoulder with us to continue the fight. Politically, George was a strong supporter, adviser and mentor. Personally, George was my tennis buddy and my true friend.

Greensboro, North Carolina, and our Nation have lost a sturdy warrior whose important work will be remembered for years to come. I offer my condolences to the family of Dr. George Simkins, Jr.

TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, leadership is only proven through action, and throughout its history the United States has proven itself to be a leader. But as we lead the world in an effort to eradicate terrorism, we risk abdicating our position of leadership in an area that is just as vital to America's well-being and that is international trade.

With more than 130 trade agreements in effect in the world today, it is shocking that in the U.S. we are a party to only three. National security and economic security are not mutually exclusive. Exports strengthen our country by creating jobs and strengthening the economy. The jobs stay here and the exports go overseas. One in 10 Americans work in jobs that depend on exports. One in 10. And those jobs pay between 13 and 18 percent more than the national average.

America must lead in international trade in order to effectively lead the world. Fortunately, 1 week from today, December 6, Congress has a chance to pick up the mantle of leadership by passing trade promotion authority.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting TPA, trade promotion authority.

THE ACCESS AND OPENNESS TO SMALL BUSINESS LENDING ACT

(Mr. UDALL of New Mexico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, we all agree that small business is the engine of economic growth in our Nation. As a member of the Committee on Small Business, I have worked with my colleagues in both parties to ensure that access to capital is there for those who need it, especially women and minority-owned businesses. I am pleased to join today the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) in introducing legislation that will allow us to determine if financial institutions are responding to the credit needs of minority- and women-owned businesses. From this data, we will be able to determine what is working and what needs fixing.

This legislation is supported by the National Women's Business Council, the Women's Business Development Centers, the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, and the Hispanic Economic Development Corporation, to name a few.

I look forward to working with the gentleman from Massachusetts and all my colleagues to achieve passage of this important legislation.

URGING ACTION ON A FARM BILL

(Mr. OSBORNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1